



26th August 2016

Term 3 Week 6

Validation

Last week visitors from Sydney from the Department of Education came to see our school for the final stage in a long but worthwhile process that the Department is calling Validation. All schools across NSW will be part of the process but we were the first school in our area. Due to our success we were asked to share our submission with other schools so they know what to expect when it is their turn.

The validators loved our students and our school and they could see the extra effort that we put into Student Wellbeing. They appreciated our caring environment for students and acknowledged the effort that goes into providing as many opportunities to engage in the wider world as possible.

One of the changes that you may have noticed is that the school gate is now locked during the day in order to direct all visitors and parents down the lane to the office. This is to bring us in line with Department of Education policy and is designed to ensure the safety of all students at school. Student safety is our priority.

Our three areas of focus for our next validation are:

- *Student Resilience and ways parents can help them
- *Community involvement in education
- *Successful transition to high school

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments on these areas or indeed anything about the school in general then please let us know.

Resilience Training

Through our validation process we identified resilience training as an area of need. We will be giving students the skills they need to be happy confident members of society now and into the future. As part of this process we need parents to reinforce at home what students are learning at school. At different times information or 'tips and tricks' may be sent home to try, or we may have visitors and specialists come to the school to talk to parents, and we ask you to support this wholeheartedly.

We will be starting with topics such as:

- *Recognising it is ok to be sad sometimes
- *Identifying the difference between someone being mean sometimes, and someone being a bully
- *Learning how to say positive things about yourself and others
- *Building and maintaining friendships
- *Apologising for your mistakes and forgiving others for theirs
- *Taking responsibility for your own actions



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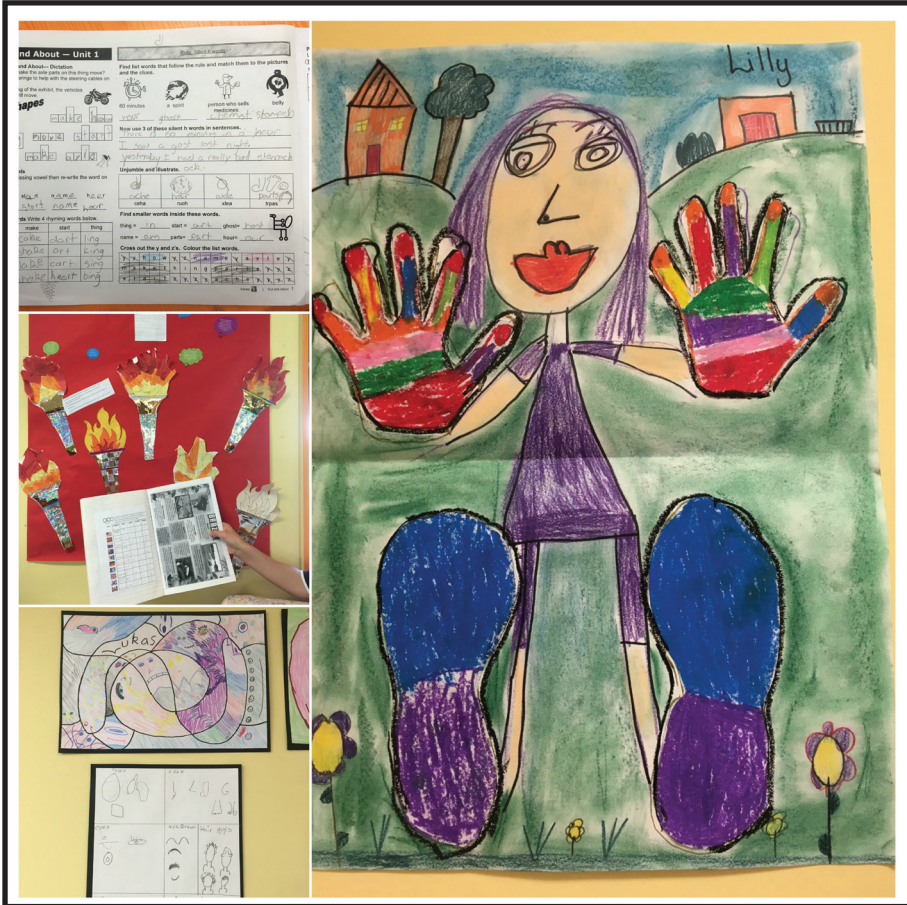
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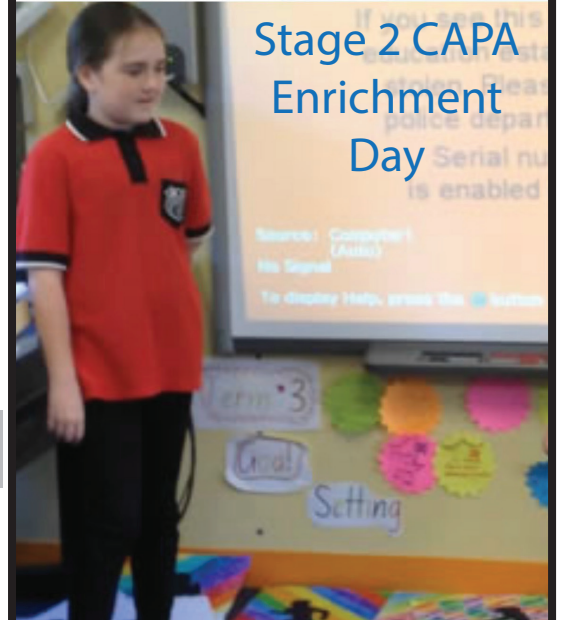
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Work Samples from Mrs Moore's Class



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The Kings Cat
There was a clever cat
that clind up a tree.
The silly king frid to
get the cat down but
he didnt come down.
By Joey

Stories from Mrs Williams Class

Rubbish

It is real important that people
shold stop throing rubbish
arond.
If you chuck rubbish you mit
slip and hurt. if you chuck
rubbish out the windo it
will block the dran. If you
chuck rubbish it will make
your house dirty. If you will
like to chuck rubbish it will
Kill the animals.
That is why pepol shold
stop throing rubbish arond.

Leah Roberts



Stage 3 CAPA Enrichment Day

PERSONALISED LEARNING IN A CARING RURAL ENVIRONMENT

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 18/7 - 22/7	SDD				OVPSSA Athletics
Week 2 27/7- 29/7					PJ's Day for Kids in Care AMC Maths Comp
Week 3 1/8- 5/8		OVLC Choir Coffs Central		Assembly Yr 4-6 Item	Jeans 4 Genes P&C Meeting
Week 4 8/8-12/8			School Article in Advocate		Hockey
Week 5 15/8 -19/8		Validation Meeting			Hockey
Week 6 22/8 -26/8			Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp		Hockey
Week 7 29/8 2/9		Cyber Bullying Information Day		Assembly K-3 Item Father's Day Stall	Hockey P&C Meeting
Week 8 5/9 - 9/9	School Counselor				Hockey OVPSSA Softball Carnival
Week 9 12/9 - 16/9				Cupcake for a Cure Day	Hockey
Week 10 19/9 23/9	School Counselor	K-2 Enrichment at Lowanna		Merit Assembly	Disco Day

HOLIDAYS

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